

**COUNCIL POLICY****CURRENT**

SUBJECT: CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF THROUGH STREETS  
POLICY NO.: 200-11  
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 1974

**PURPOSE:**

A through street is established to provide a preferred route for through traffic by controlling vehicles entering from the side streets. Additional controls such as center and lane lines are also provided to serve as guides along the preferred route. Through streets tend to drain traffic from parallel or adjacent local streets which are not designed to accommodate such traffic, and thus provide for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of The City of San Diego that a through street be established when the street is a natural traffic artery of at least 1/2 mile in length into which through traffic may be routed to provide access to business and residential areas. A system of properly established through streets shall provide an orderly flow of traffic with minimum conflicts. All through streets shall be designated in accordance with Section 82.20 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

**CRITERIA:**

A through street may be established when any one of the following conditions exists on the proposed through street:

1. 3,000 vehicles per day;
2. 2,000 vehicles per day; and
  - a. Is a regularly scheduled bus route, or
  - b. Is a natural route which is an extension of a through street;
3. 500 vehicles per day if it is a rural highway;
4. 50% or more of the intersections between the limits of the proposed street have traffic signals, stop or yield controls in place, or meet the criteria for same;
5. It is a divided street;
6. It is part of a designed collector street system serving a developing area with a future traffic estimate of over 3,000 vehicles per day;
7. Use as a temporary detour due to construction on a through street.

**HISTORY:**

Adopted by Resolution R-192457 12/26/1967  
Amended by Resolution R-212002 11/14/1974